

Air Force

19 January 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS USAF

SUBJECT: Port Arthur Naval Base

REFERENCES: (a) CIA Weekly Summary No. 51, 16 December 1949 and Map No. 11460 therein
(b) Memorandum, 4 January 1950 (SAC 686 X 350.09) to DL/USAF from Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, re subject

1. Reference (b) requested confirmation of Chinese Nationalist control of the Port Arthur Naval Base area. It is unfortunate that CIA Map No. 11460 in the CIA Summary cited as reference (a) was interpreted as indicating that the Port Arthur Naval Base area was under Chinese Nationalist control.

2. The reference map was designed to show that part of China which was under Communist control, and in no sense was meant to portray visually the varying degrees of Nationalist control over that part of China not yet in Communist hands. Moreover, it is thought that specifying the area by name and delimiting it with a dotted line (as has been customary on past CIA maps of the region) serves adequately to indicate the region's confused and special status — namely, that of an area administered under the terms of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of 1945 and hence, in a legal sense, neither wholly Nationalist, nor Chinese Communist, nor Soviet.

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